

### Remarks

The present application represents U.S. national stage of international application PCT/EP2004/009621. The specification has been amended to cross-reference both the international application and a German application which the international application relied upon for priority. These amendments clearly do not add new matter to the application, and their entry is therefore respectfully requested.

### Conclusion

In light of the amendments made herein, Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a phone call may help to expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' undersigned attorney at (202) 419-7013.

Respectfully submitted,

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